**Achievements of Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme**

1960. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise achievements under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme; and

(b) the amount yet to be paid to the States on account of the above scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*See* Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 59]

**Projects under the NREP**

1961. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects taken so far under the National Rural Employment Programme during the years 1988-89 1989-90 in the different States particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the projects proposed to be taken up under the said programme which are still pending for approval of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Under the Central guidelines for the National Rural Employment Programme (NREP), projects/works proposed to be taken up were not required to be approved by the Government of India. Planning, coordination, review, supervision, monitoring and implementation etc. of the works taken up under the programme was the responsibility of the concerned District Rural Development Agency (DRDA). As such the projects/works taken up by the DRDAs were not monitored Centrally at the Government of India level.

NREP was discontinued with effect from 1989-90 after the launching of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) with effect from 1-4-1989.

(b) As stated in reply to part (a), the projects/works proposed to be taken up under the NREP were required to be approved by the concerned DRDA. There is, therefore, no question of any project still pending for approval of the Central Government. In any case, the NREP has been discontinued with effect from 1-4-1989.

**Development of new varieties of seeds**

1962. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the new varieties of wheat, paddy, oilseeds, sugarcane and pulses evolved by the various agricultural Research Institutes and Universities in the country during the year 1989-90;

(b) what is the quantity of seeds of the above varieties distributed for seed multiplication and general cultivation;

(c) what are the targets of food-grains production fixed for the year 1990-91 for Kharif and Rabi seasons separately; and

(d) what steps are being taken on attain the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Sir, the names of the improved varieties identified/released in 1989-90 are given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) The production and distribution of the breeder seed for the varieties evolved during 1989-90 can be done only in subsequent years on getting indents from the State Governments.

(c) The target for foodgrains production for 1990-91 has been fixed at 176.5 M. tonnes. The production targets have not been fixed season-wise.